

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTH DAKOTA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

MACALLA LEE KNOTT, a/k/a KAYLA

INDICTMENT

Case No. _____

Violation: 21 U.S.C. § 846

Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute and Distribute Controlled Substances

The Grand Jury Charges:

From in or about January 2019 and continuously until the date of this Indictment, in the Districts of North Dakota, Minnesota, and elsewhere,

MACALLA LEE KNOTT, a/k/a KAYLA,

did knowingly and intentionally combine, conspire, confederate, and agree together and with others, both known and unknown to the grand jury, to possess with intent to distribute and distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, and a mixture and substance containing cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

PRIOR CONVICTIONS

In accordance with Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841 and 851, the Grand Jury finds the following:

Before MACALLA LEE KNOTT, a/k/a KAYLA, committed the offense charged in this Indictment, MACALLA LEE KNOTT, a/k/a KAYLA, had a final conviction for the following serious drug felony for which she served more than 12 months of imprisonment

and for which she was released from serving any term of imprisonment related to that offense within 15 years of the commencement of the instant offense: Controlled Substance Crime – 1st Degree Sale in violation of Minnesota Statute § 152.021.1(1), in Stearns County, Minnesota, in case number 73-CR-16-6520; Judgment entered on October 26, 2017, in District Court, 7th Judicial District.

Overt Acts

In furtherance of this conspiracy and to effect and accomplish the objects of it, one or more of the conspirators committed the following overt acts:

1. Members of the conspiracy were receiving controlled substances directly from the Sinaloa cartel in Mexico. Controlled substances were imported into the United States and shipped to Minnesota, North Dakota, and elsewhere in the United States for distribution. Members of the conspiracy paid money for these controlled substances directly or indirectly to Sinaloa cartel members in the United States and Mexico;

2. It was a part of said conspiracy that the defendant and others would and did possess with intent to distribute and did distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, within the states of North Dakota, Minnesota, and elsewhere;

3. It was a part of said conspiracy that the defendant and others would and did possess with intent to distribute and did distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, within the state of Minnesota, and elsewhere;

4. It was further a part of said conspiracy that the defendant and others would and did use violence and the threat of violence to ensure payment and to attempt to conceal their activities;

5. It was further a part of said conspiracy that the defendant and others would and did use telecommunication facilities, including various smart phone applications, in an effort to hide illicit communications from law enforcement;

6. It was further a part of said conspiracy that the defendant and others would and did use United States currency in their drug transactions;

7. On September 15, 2021, co-conspirators distributed approximately 28 grams (one ounce) of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in Fargo, North Dakota;

8. On September 21, 2021, co-conspirators distributed approximately 14 grams (1/2 ounce) of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in Fargo, North Dakota;

9. On September 28, 2021, co-conspirators distributed approximately 113 grams (4 ounces) of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in Fargo, North Dakota;

10. On October 7, 2021, co-conspirators possessed approximately 453 grams (1 pound) of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, with the intent to distribute in Fargo, North Dakota;

11. On October 20, 2021, co-conspirators possessed approximately 453 grams (1 pound) of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, with the intent to distribute in Alexandria, Minnesota;

12. On October 21, 2021, co-conspirators possessed approximately 2,265 grams (5 pounds) of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, with the intent to distribute in Melrose, Minnesota; and

13. Defendant MACALLA LEE KNOTT, a/k/a KAYLA, was a leader, organizer, manager, and supervisor in this conspiracy;

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846; Pinkerton v. United States, 328 U.S. 640 (1946).

A TRUE BILL:

/s/ Foreperson
Foreperson

/s/ Nicholas W. Chase
NICHOLAS W. CHASE
United States Attorney

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